

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!**  
**Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
**Gathering Sunday**

**GATHERING IN COMMUNITY**

\*\*indicates the community stands, as able

PRELUDE *Voluntary in F* J. Bennett

WELCOME *Affirming, Caring, Growing Spiritually, Reaching Out*

*Please rise to sing:*

\*\*MORE VOICES 1 *Let Us Build a House*

\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP ...Jocelyn Birkes

Friends, we come together as the community God gathers.

**We remember Jesus' words: "Where two or three are gathered  
in my name, there I am among them."** *(Matthew 18: 20)*

In the many ways we gather as community,  
Christ is present with us.

**What a gift! Wherever we are, whoever we are,  
whatever we are doing, we are not alone! God is with us!**

\*\*PEACE GREETING ...Michael Brooks

May the peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*(The Community exchanges words and signs of peace)*

COMMUNITY NEWS

CHILDREN'S SHARING TIME *Playing with Playdough*

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM *Refer to Insert*

MORE VOICES 14 *Where Two or Three Are Gathered*  
**Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there...**

COMMUNITY PRAYERS ...Martha Reynolds

VOICES UNITED 959 *(sung)*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil**

**for the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

**SEEKING TO GROW SPIRITUALLY**

FIRST BIBLE READING Jeremiah 18: 1-11 (page 801, OT)  
...Ruth McQuirter

\*\*VOICES UNITED 644 *I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry*

\*\*GOSPEL BIBLE READING Luke 14: 25-33 (page 79, NT)  
For the Word of God in Scripture, among us, and within us.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "RESHAPING"

SILENT REFLECTION

**RESPONDING IN CARE**

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *I Will Sing with the Spirit* J. Rutter

\*\*VOICES UNITED 541  
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures high and low;  
Give thanks to God in love made known:  
Creator, Word and Spirit, One. Amen.**

\*\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**REACHING OUT IN LOVE**

\*\*VOICES UNITED 506 *Take My Life...*

\*\*COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Prelude in G* J. S. Bach



*It is not you who shape God;  
it is God that shapes you.  
If then you are the work of God,  
await the hand of the Artist  
who does all things in due season.  
Offer the Potter your heart,  
soft and tractable,  
and keep the form in which the Artist  
has fashioned you.  
Let your clay be moist,  
lest you grow hard and lose  
the imprint of the Potter's fingers.*

*-Ireaneus, 2<sup>nd</sup> Century*



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